



Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 25 August 2005

Current
Nationwide
Threat Level is

ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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- The Associated Press reports Massachusetts Port Authority officials plan a \$14.5 million upgrade of security at Logan Airport, including the construction of a 10-foot concrete wall as well as infrared cameras and global positioning system technology to monitor Boston Harbor. (See item [6](#))
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency is encouraging police and other emergency organizations nationwide to give up the numerical codes known as the "10-codes" and use plain English whenever possible. (See item [22](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *August 24, Austin Business Journal (TX)* — **Grid operator sets record for power usage.** The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), which regulates the state's power grid, says it set a new electricity usage record Tuesday, August 23. The new record is 60,279 megawatts from 4 to 5 p.m., exceeding the previous all-time peak of 60,095 megawatts, set August 7, 2003. "Temperatures around 100 degrees throughout a large part of the state caused increased electricity usage and created a record-breaking peak load," says Kent Saathoff, ERCOT's director of system operations. "We are still well within our generation capacity. If the high

temperatures continue this week, we could break this new record again, but we don't anticipate any other unusual operational issues," said Saathoff.

Source: http://www.bizjournals.com/austin/stories/2005/08/22/daily18.html?from_rss=1

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

2. *August 24, The Philadelphia Inquirer (PA)* — **Chemical spill prompts interstate closure in Pennsylvania.** A copper chloride leak from a truck closed the lower end of Interstate-476, the Blue Route, for much of the afternoon Tuesday, August 23. Chad Brooks, chief of operations for Delaware County, PA's 911 system, said 330 gallons of copper chloride had leaked from the truck cargo, and some got into storm sewers. No injuries were reported. The incident drew response teams from Delaware County Emergency Management, State Police, and other agencies. While the liquid was being cleaned up, the highway was closed in both directions from Exit 3, Baltimore Pike, to Interstate-95 from about noon to 3 p.m. when northbound lanes opened. The southbound lanes remained closed until near the start of the evening rush. The chemical spill caused most traffic to be rerouted on Route 320 through Swarthmore, PA. Joe Delcambre, public-affairs specialist for the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Hazmat safety unit, said copper chloride could be harmful to people if swallowed or inhaled. It also is toxic to aquatic life and officials were uncertain whether the chemical had reached nearby Crum Creek.

Source: <http://www.philly.com/mld/inquirer/news/local/12458067.htm>

3. *August 24, Associated Press* — **Plant fire in Michigan prompts air advisory for local residents.** Fire broke out at the Crown Group automotive coatings plant in Ecorse, MI, on Tuesday, August 23, according to police. People living near the Crown Group facility were not ordered to leave their homes Tuesday night, but authorities went door-to-door to ask them to close their windows and doors and to shut off their air conditioning. No injuries were reported. Firefighters from about a half-dozen communities worked to put out the fire, which was reported about 7 p.m. EDT, police said. The cause was not immediately known.

Source: http://www.freep.com/news/statewire/sw120292_20050824.htm

4. *August 24, South Bend Tribune (IN)* — **Damaged gas line leads to evacuations in Indiana.** About 20 homes were evacuated Tuesday afternoon, August 23, after construction crews accidentally punctured a gas line near Chapin Street and LaSalle Avenue in South Bend, IN. South Bend firefighters and Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) workers were called to the scene at 2:49 p.m. after the two inch plastic gas main was cut. The line was about three feet underground. Gas fumes migrated into an open sewer nearby, forcing firefighters to remove residents from surrounding neighborhoods until the leak was under control. The problems were compounded by shifting winds, authorities said. NIPSCO workers pinched off the damaged gas line on either side of the leak. No customers lost their gas service. Kevin Stevenson, operations manager at NIPSCO, said the construction company should have known where the gas line was, but more investigation would be needed to see if utility maps were incorrect, or if it was simply human error.

Source: http://www.southbendtribune.com/stories/2005/08/24/local.20050824-sbt-LOCL-B3-Damaged_gas_line_lea.sto

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report.

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Banking and Finance Sector

5. *August 24, CNET News* — **Servers keep collecting information in identity theft case.** An estimated 27,000 people have been affected by an identity theft ring that was discovered earlier this month, according to Sunbelt Software, the security company that uncovered the operation. Eric Sites, the vice president of research and development at Sunbelt, said Wednesday, August 24, that some of the Web servers involved in the operation are still operational and continuing to gather personal data from machines that have been infected with the malicious code responsible for the identity theft. "Some of the Web servers have been shut down, and we are still working with the FBI to investigate others," Sites said. "Information is no longer being sent to the one (server) we initially reported on, but there are other variants of this (the malicious code) that send data to other Websites," said Sites. Sunbelt has sent a list of account holders who have been affected to credit card providers Visa and MasterCard, as well as to online auction site eBay and its Internet payment system PayPal. It is currently working on sending a similar list to credit card providers Discover and American Express. Once this is completed, Sunbelt will send a list of account holders affected to various banks.

Source: http://news.com.com/Servers+keep+churning+in+ID+theft+case/2100-7349_3-5842723.html?part=rss&tag=5842723&subj=news

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Transportation and Border Security Sector

6. *August 24, Associated Press* — **Massport plans Logan Airport security upgrade.** Massachusetts Port Authority officials plan a \$14.5 million upgrade of security at Logan Airport in Boston, including the construction of a 10-foot concrete wall. Officials are building the wall around the airport's perimeter to prevent possible terrorist attacks. The wall, which will be topped with razor wire, will be 1.6 miles long and will replace a chain-link fence that currently surrounds the airport. "If somebody does try to get through, they won't get very far," Massachusetts Port Authority security chief Dennis Treece told The Boston Herald. "We're devoting our attention to making sure our perimeter is secure." Massport officials also plan to use global positioning system (GPS) technology to keep an eye on Boston Harbor. Massport will give Boston Harbor shell fishermen GPS-outfitted cell phones. The GPS will help Massport ensure that potential terrorists aren't posing as fishermen to scope Logan out for a possible attack. Currently, shell fishermen who fish near Logan must wear security badges. "It just adds another layer to Massport's program with the (shell fishermen)," Anne Davis, spokesperson for the federal Transportation Security Administration, told The Herald. Massport will also begin using infrared cameras to monitor Boston Harbor 24 hours a day. The cameras

alert security officials if a person or vehicle gets too close to Logan.

Source: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2005/08/24/massport_plans_logan_security_upgrade/

7. *August 24, USA TODAY* — **Northwest flight cancellations up.** Northwest Airlines flew through the fourth day of a nationwide mechanics' union strike Tuesday, August 23, as passengers grappled with an unusual number of flight cancellations. Northwest said Tuesday that about three percent of its nearly 1,500 flights on Monday were canceled. It would not release figures on the number of flights delayed, and independent numbers weren't immediately available. On a normal day without a strike or bad weather, an airline typically cancels only about one or two percent of its flights. Northwest canceled only about one percent of its flights in June. But the airline's operations now, using mechanics Northwest has brought in to replace strikers, might be smoother than in the days leading up to the strike. The airline said it canceled nine percent of its flights Friday, August 19, the day before the strike began. Northwest blamed a union "slowdown" leading up to the strike deadline. Northwest issued a statement Tuesday, August 23, saying it's "making progress" reducing "slowdown-related" maintenance problems. More than 4,400 members of the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association walked off their jobs early Saturday when a deadline expired without the airline and union reaching a contract agreement.. Northwest is able to keep flying because unions representing pilots and flight attendants did not strike.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/travel/news/2005-08-23-northwest-day 4--usat x.htm>

8. *August 24, Associated Press* — **Amtrak: Bronx derailment still hampering service.** Amtrak riders between New York and Boston should expect lengthy delays and canceled trains as the rail service tries to repair overhead power lines that were badly damaged by a freight train derailment in the South Bronx. According to a statement released by Amtrak on Wednesday, August 24, all Acela and Metroliner trains scheduled to operate between Boston and New York were canceled through Thursday, August 25. In addition, Amtrak's 18 regional trains between the two cities were operating on a regular schedule — but with delays of up to 45 minutes while traveling between Penn Station in Manhattan and New Haven. Due to the electrical outage, Amtrak was using diesel engines to keep service running. Amtrak runs nine northbound and nine southbound trains between Boston and New York each day. The statement added that the Tuesday morning derailment inflicted extensive damage to the overhead wires, and it was unclear how long repairs would take. A CSX freight train derailed at 7:15 a.m. in the Amtrak-owned Oak Point Yard, blocking some tracks and damaging the lines. The tracks owned by CSX run adjacent to the tracks for Amtrak's Northeast Corridor service.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/travel/news/2005-08-24-amtrak-derail ment x.htm>

9. *August 24, Associated Press* — **Plane crash in Peru kills at least 41.** A Peruvian airliner split in two after an emergency landing during a fierce storm, killing at least 41 people. It was the world's fifth major airline accident this month. TANS Peru Flight 204, a Boeing 737-200 with 100 people on board, was on a domestic flight from the Peruvian capital Lima to the Amazon jungle city of Pucallpa when the pilot tried to make an emergency landing about 20 miles from Pucallpa on Tuesday, August 23, said Edwin Vasquez, president of the Ucayali region where the city is located. The pilot tried to land in a marsh to soften the impact but the landing split the aircraft in two, he said. Some survivors said they escaped the burning wreckage of the plane in a hailstorm and waded through knee-deep mud to get away. The plane circled the airport,

then crashed near a highway, according to officials and radio reports. Before the crash, the pilot radioed that he could not land because of strong winds and torrential rains, airport receptionist Norma Pasquel told The Associated Press by phone.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/08/24/AR2005082400204.html?sub=AR>

10. *August 23, New York Times* — Secretary Chertoff reveals plan to stabilize border.

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said Tuesday, August 23, that the federal government's border control efforts must be significantly strengthened. The strategy that Chertoff said his department was preparing goes far beyond hiring more Border Patrol agents and installing more surveillance cameras, infrared and motion detectors, and fences, initiatives that are already planned or under way. In addition to those apprehension efforts, the secretary intends to bolster the deportation process so that an overwhelmed detention system does not cause illegal immigrants to be set free instead of being sent home. He plans to add beds for detainees, expedite deportations by making more judges and lawyers available, and try to track down more illegal immigrants who do not appear for deportation hearings. So many illegal immigrants from countries other than Mexico are being caught — 142,500 so far this fiscal year, compared with 39,555 in all of 2000 — that thousands are released within the United States before deportation proceedings because there is not enough space at detention centers.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2005/08/24/politics/24border.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

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Agriculture Sector

11. *August 24, Stop Soybean Rust News* — First commercial field with rust in Georgia. Georgia is reporting its first soybean rust confirmed in commercial field Wednesday, August 24, in five infected leaves out of 100 pulled August 18 in Appling County. Tuesday, August 23, soybean rust was also found for the first time in sentinel plots at the Rural Development Center in Tifton, GA. Rust was first discovered in Georgia on July 18 in other Tifton County sentinel plots and later in two other locations in the county. Appling County, the tenth Georgia county with rust, is in the central part of southeastern Georgia.

Source: <http://www.stopsoybeanrust.com/viewStory.asp?StoryID=517>

12. *August 24, North Dakota Ag Connection* — Livestock owners urged to help prevent spread of disease. Animal health officials are urging North Dakota livestock producers to take action to prevent the introduction of a serious livestock disease that has appeared in Montana for the first time in many years. "Vesicular stomatitis (VS) has been confirmed recently in Montana and Wyoming," said Susan Keller, state veterinarian. "Until we have a killing frost, we strongly advise North Dakota producers to avoid moving animals to or from Montana or any state with

confirmed cases of VS." Keller said all animals entering or returning to North Dakota from states with positive VS cases must be inspected prior to entering the state and must have a health certificate with a permit number. "Producers should be extremely careful to avoid exposure to areas or animals at risk for VS," Keller said. A viral disease, VS mostly affects cattle, horses, and swine, and occasionally, sheep and goats. VS causes blister-like sores and lesions on an infected animal's mouth, lips, nostrils, teats, and hooves. The mouth sores prevent the animal from eating, causing significant weight loss. Keller said VS produces symptoms that closely resemble those of the much more serious foot-and-mouth disease.

Source: <http://www.northdakotaagconnection.com/story-state.cfm?Id=554&yr=2005>

13. *August 23, Reuters* — **European Union to toughen up fish farm disease control.** The European Union will toughen up fish farm inspections to fight diseases that currently wipe out a fifth of the \$610 million annual harvest, the union's executive body said on Tuesday, August 23. The measures, proposed by the European Commission, emphasize preventing infection, where existing rules focus on tackling disease breakouts. Since those rules came into force, fish farming has widened in scope from salmon and trout to include a broad range of fish and shellfish. "This proposes that each stage of production should be checked to avoid a breakout of disease," said Philip Tod, spokesperson for Markos Kyprianou, the Commissioner for Health and Consumer Protection. The new proposals would allow money from the European Fisheries Fund to be used to compensate for the compulsory culling of stocks to eradicate diseases.

Source: <http://today.reuters.com/News/CrisesArticle.aspx?storyId=L23720086>

14. *August 23, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service* — **Proposal to add Argentina to list of regions free of Exotic Newcastle Disease.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) proposes to amend import regulations regarding live poultry and poultry products by adding Argentina to the list of regions considered to be free of exotic Newcastle disease (END). After conducting a risk evaluation, APHIS determined that Argentina has met the requirements to be recognized as free of END and is proposing certain trade restrictions are no longer necessary. However, since Argentina shares borders with regions that are not recognized by the U.S. to be free of the disease, APHIS is also proposing additional certification requirements for live poultry and poultry products exported to the U.S. to ensure they are free from disease. END is one of the most infectious poultry diseases in the world. It is a contagious and fatal viral disease that affects the respiratory, nervous, and digestive systems of all species of birds.

Source: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/news/2005/08/endfree_vs.html

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Food Sector

15. *August 24, Reuters* — **Japan panel worried U.S. feed rules may spread bovine spongiform encephalopathy.** Members of an independent panel considering whether to allow U.S. beef to return to Japanese tables said on Wednesday, August 24, they were worried that lax U.S. animal feed controls could allow bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) to spread. The panel members, meeting for the fifth time since May when the Japanese government asked them to rule on the safety of U.S. beef, said their final decision may take into account the chance that the disease could spread. Without approval from the 12-member group, a sub-committee of

Japan's Food Safety Commission (FSC), the government cannot implement an agreement with the U.S. to resume imports. Panel member Tetsuyuki Kitamoto said U.S. cattle may be at risk because meat-and-bone meal (MBM) produced from cattle was still being used in the U.S. MBM produced from cattle, banned in Japan as a feed for all animals, is thought to cause BSE. The U.S Food and Drug Administration banned MBM made from cattle as cattle feed in 1997 but did not ban its use as a feed for other animals. Japan, along with other beef-importing countries, imposed a ban on U.S. beef in December 2003 following the discovery of the first U.S. case of BSE in a dairy cow.

Source: http://wireservice.wired.com/wired/story.asp?section=Breaking&storyId=1079860&tw=wn_wire_story

16. *August 23, Food Safety and Inspection Service* — Chicken and beef products recalled.

Allison's Gourmet Kitchens, Ltd., a Moore, OK, firm, is voluntarily recalling approximately 4,925 pounds of ready-to-eat chicken and beef products that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced Tuesday, August 23. The chicken salad was distributed to delicatessens in Oklahoma and Texas. The barbeque was distributed to delicatessens in Arkansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas. The problem was discovered through company testing. FSIS has received no reports of illnesses associated with consumption of these products. Consumption of food contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* can cause listeriosis, an uncommon but potentially fatal disease.

Source: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_034_2005_Release/index.asp

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Water Sector

Nothing to report.

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Public Health Sector

17. *August 24, Market Watch* — World Health Organization says only 40 countries ready for bird flu. Only 40 countries worldwide have put in place plans to prepare for an eventual avian flu pandemic, a World Health Organization (WHO) spokesperson told CNBC Wednesday, August 24. "The world is not very well prepared," Dick Thompson said in an interview. "We think pandemic preparedness is really essential." WHO has recommended that governments stockpile antiviral drugs, such as Tamiflu and Relenza. The production of both drugs is very complex, taking about 12 months. Tamiflu, which is taken orally, is approved for both treatment and prevention of influenza. Tamiflu's manufacturer Roche has secured contracts with several European countries and doubled production of the drug last year. Relenza, sold as an inhaler, is approved only for the treatment of flu, but its producer GlaxoSmithKline has said it is talking to U.S. and European regulators to use it for flu prevention. GlaxoSmithKline has said it is increasing its capacity to produce Relenza.

Source: <http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story.asp?guid=%7BFEF36EB9-7E5C-40A4-B04D-3C18ABBAC1AC%7D>

18. *August 24, World Health Organization* — Anti-viral donated to World Health

Organization. Wednesday, August 24, the World Health Organization (WHO) welcomed pharmaceutical company Roche's donation of three million treatment courses of the antiviral oseltamivir to a WHO international stockpile. As part of its work to prepare for, detect, and mitigate the impact of an influenza pandemic, WHO is creating an international stockpile of antiviral drugs for rapid response at the start of a pandemic. Roche has committed to providing three million treatment courses (30 million capsules) of oseltamivir (Tamiflu) to WHO, which would be dispatched to people in greatest need at the site of an emerging influenza pandemic. Oseltamivir could help to reduce illness and death, and when combined with other measures, could potentially contain an emerging pandemic virus or slow its national and international spread. "Right now, many wealthy countries are creating their own stockpiles of antivirals. However poor countries simply cannot afford to do this. If a flu pandemic were to emerge in a poor country for example, these drugs could be flown quickly to the centre of a potential pandemic," said Lee Jong-wook, Director-General of WHO. The WHO stockpile is meant to complement other measures of international and national preparedness, including any national stockpiles.

Source: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2005/pr36/en/index.html>

19. *August 23, Voice of America* — United Nations warns polio outbreak in Indonesia poses global risk.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has warned that a recent polio outbreak in Indonesia poses a global threat and says planned vaccination drives in the country are crucial to averting a crisis. Indonesia reported its first outbreak of polio in nearly a decade last March. Since then, despite two immunization drives, more than 220 children have been infected. David Hipgrave, UNICEF's head of health and nutrition, said Indonesia has the world's highest new case rate, and the reemergence of the disease poses a global threat. "It's a looming problem not just for Indonesia but also globally," Hipgrave said. "We are really on the cusp of eradicating polio globally. Many of the other countries in which the virus has been reintroduced have successfully combated that reintroduction, and the outbreak in these countries has been quashed. That's what we are trying to do with these next two rounds."

Source: <http://www.voanews.com/english/2005-08-23-voa25.cfm>

20. *August 23, Agence France Presse* — Hungary set to begin human trials of bird flu vaccine.

Hungary will reportedly start human trials of its bird flu vaccine as soon as the country's health ethics committee gives its approval, Laszlo Bujdoso, Hungary's chief medical officer said. Animal trials have already been completed and the human tests are expected to start in a matter of weeks, Bujdoso told MTI news agency. Bujdoso said he would be among 150 people who would take part in the human trials, the results of which would be known six months after testing began. So far, cases of bird flu around the world have mainly been transmitted between animals, but the sub-type H5N1 has killed at least 60 people in parts of Southeast Asia since 2003. Health experts fear that the virus could mutate into a form easily transmitted between humans and lead to a pandemic.

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20050823/hl_afp/hungaryhealthflu_050823184949: ylt=ArMwGmxv_9Ufo9Bt5ZuY0VOJOrgF: ylu=X3oDMTBiMW04NW9mBHNIYwMIJVRPUCU

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Government Sector

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Emergency Services Sector

21. *August 24, The Baltimore Sun (MD)* — **High-tech truck to link emergency efforts in Maryland.** On Tuesday, August 23, officials in Anne Arundel County, MD, introduced the newest vehicle in their emergency response fleet: an \$820,000 Mobile Command and Control Unit. The 27-ton truck will serve as a communications hub for emergency agencies. The truck has 13 workstations, seven flat-screen televisions and an air-conditioning system. Most important, say authorities, it comes with software that translates communications from different devices (radios, cell phones, wireless Intranet) into one common language. The communications software will link disparate national, state and local emergency response agencies. For example, using the new command center, a boat from the Department of Natural Resources can communicate with a helicopter controlled by Anne Arundel County. The truck could serve as a command point in case of a terrorist attack, officials said, but they stressed that it has other uses. "It can be used for long-term police operations, severe weather events, [and] large crowd events," said Chief Stuart D. McNicol, a spokesperson for the Anne Arundel Fire Department.

Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/local/annearundel/bal-ar.mobile24aug24.1.5887011.story?coll=bal-local-arundel&ctrack=1&cset=true>

22. *August 24, The Free Lance-Star (VA)* — **Federal Emergency Management Agency wants to eliminate first responder code jargon.** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is encouraging police and other emergency organizations nationwide to give up the numerical codes known as the "10-codes" that they use to communicate with each other and with dispatchers. Instead of saying 10-50 for an accident, FEMA wants law enforcement officers to simply say they're at an accident scene. The idea is to create a system under which all police and emergency personnel can understand each other, and reduce confusion in emergency situations that involve numerous jurisdictions. Fredericksburg, VA-area police and sheriff departments say they use plain English when possible, but say 10-codes help keep officers safe and sensitive information confidential. Fredericksburg police spokesperson Jim Shelhorse points out that many people use police scanners to monitor emergency communication. Spotsylvania County, VA, Sheriff Howard Smith commented that the vast majority of people who listen to scanners are law-abiding, but police worry about the criminal element who listens for the wrong reason; using the codes prevents some information from getting out. Shelhorse said FEMA is asking many local agencies to do away with codes by next September. "It's very difficult to take something that's ingrained and say, 'You've got to change this by next year,'" Shelhorse said.

Source: http://fredericksburg.com/News/FLS/2005/082005/08242005/1245_73

23. *August 24, Peoria Journal Star (IL)* — **Health departments in Illinois discuss disasters.** Tuesday, August 23, public health officials gathered at the Illinois Department of Public Health

regional offices to talk about emergency preparedness. Seven local health departments are working together to prepare for disasters, said Andrea Parker, public health administrator for the Peoria County, IL, Health Department. Dr. Eric Whitaker, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, said state and local efforts are the "bedrock of preparedness planning" for disasters, including terrorism. According to Whitaker, all local health departments in the state now have plans to help each other and share resources during emergencies. In the event of a nuclear accident or incident, Hazmat workers and fire departments would take the lead, and health departments would provide support. The seven health agencies are currently launching a campaign to alert the public about their roles.

Source: http://www.pjstar.com/stories/082405/TRI_14PJA2.012.shtml

24. *August 23, Anchorage Daily News (AK)* — **Analysis of exercise in Alaska shows gaps.** As the various Alaska Shield/Northern Edge disaster drills concluded across Alaska last week, organizers evaluating the events noted areas for improvement. Anchorage, AK, on Thursday, August 18, hosted one of the largest simulations: Hundreds of volunteers and emergency responders pretended a plane had crashed in Kincaid Park. Police officers failed to realize the plane contained a "chemical agent," leaving some officers incapacitated as a result. During the Thursday drill, a system called Alaska Land Mobile Radio, designed to allow responders from multiple agencies to communicate on the same frequency, was tested. However, the Providence Alaska Medical Center staff used an internal set of radios to communicate, and a couple of employees accidentally tuned into the wrong frequency. Communication also needed to be improved at another Anchorage drill on Wednesday, August 17, in which the city tried to dispense fake antibiotics at the Egan Center. The federal Centers of Disease Control and Prevention had provided numerous fact sheets explaining medical information in multiple languages, but during the drill, a team of people from Mongolia arrived. The health department then realized they lacked a fact sheet in Mongolian. Fortunately, the group had a translator on-site.

Source: <http://www.adn.com/life/story/6849885p-6745586c.html>

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

25. *August 25, US-CERT* — **Vulnerability Note VU#778916: pam_ldap authentication bypass vulnerability.** pam_ldap provides LDAP authentication services for UNIX-based systems. A vulnerability in pam_ldap may allow a remote attacker to bypass the authentication mechanism. If a pam_ldap client attempts to authenticate against an LDAP server that omits the optional error value from the PasswordPolicyResponseValue, the authentication attempt will always succeed. Note that this vulnerability affects all versions of pam_ldap since version pam_ldap-169. However, if the underlying LDAP client library does not support LDAP version 3 controls, then this vulnerability is not present.

This vulnerability was corrected in pam_ldap-180: http://www.padl.com/OSS/pam_ldap.html

Source: <http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/778916>

26. *August 23, Security Focus* — **Netquery host parameter arbitrary command execution vulnerability.** Netquery is affected a remote command execution vulnerability. An attacker can supply arbitrary commands through the 'host' parameter of the 'nquser.php' script. This can

allow an attacker to execute commands in the context of an affected server and potentially gain unauthorized access. Netquery 3.11 is affected by this vulnerability. It is possible that prior versions are vulnerable as well. Security Focus is not currently aware of any vendor-supplied patches for this issue.

Source: <http://www.securityfocus.com/bid/14637/discuss>

27. *August 23, Security Focus* — SaveWebPortal unauthorized access vulnerability.

SaveWebPortal is prone to an unauthorized access vulnerability. This issue is due to a failure in the application to limit access to administrative scripts. An attacker may leverage this issue to execute arbitrary server-side script code on an affected computer with the privileges of the Web server process. This may facilitate unauthorized access and further attacks on the affected site. Security Focus is not currently aware of any vendor-supplied patches for this issue.

Source: <http://www.securityfocus.com/bid/14639/discuss>

28. *August 23, Ubuntu* — PCRE vulnerability. A buffer overflow has been discovered in the PCRE, a library that provides Perl compatible regular expressions. Specially crafted regular expressions triggered a buffer overflow. On systems that accept arbitrary regular expressions from untrusted users, this could be exploited to execute arbitrary code with the privileges of the application using the library. The libpcre3 package is affected. The problem can be corrected by upgrading the affected package to version 4.5-1.1ubuntu0.4.10 (for Ubuntu 4.10), or 4.5-1.1ubuntu0.5.04 (for Ubuntu 5.04). However, a standard system upgrade is not sufficient to effect the necessary changes. Users should reboot their machines to ensure that all services using this library are restarted correctly. If not, please manually restart all server processes (exim, Apache, PHP, etc.). Users should also restart their desktop session.

Source: <http://www.ubuntu.com/usn/usn-173-1>

29. *August 22, Cisco* — Cisco Intrusion Prevention System Vulnerable to Privilege Escalation.

Cisco Intrusion Prevention Systems (IPS) are a family of network security devices that provide network based threat prevention services. A user with OPERATOR or VIEWER access privileges may be able to exploit a vulnerability in the command line processing (CLI) logic to gain full administrative control of the IPS device. Vulnerable products are Cisco Intrusion Prevention System version 5.0(1) and 5.0(2).

This issue is fixed in IPS version 5.0(3) which is available for download:

<http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/tablebuild.pl/ips5>

Source: <http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/707/cisco-sa-20050824-ips.s.html>

30. *August 11, Adobe* — Adobe Version Cue 1.x for Mac OS X system privilege escalation. A security vulnerability has been identified in a previous release of Adobe Version Cue, a feature of Adobe Creative Suite, that affects only computers on which Mac OS X and Version Cue Workspace are installed. If the vulnerability is exploited, a user with a local Mac OS X account could obtain system administrator access to local files and applications on that computer. The identified vulnerability is caused by special file permissions on internal Version Cue application files. This vulnerability cannot be exploited by users who do not have local login accounts on that computer.

Users of Version Cue 1.x should download and install the security update:

www.adobe.com/support/downloads/detail.jsp?ftpID=2985

Source: <http://www.securitytracker.com/alerts/2005/Aug/1014776.html>

Internet Alert Dashboard

DHS/US-CERT Watch Synopsis

Over the preceding 24 hours, there has been no cyber activity which constitutes an unusual and significant threat to Homeland Security, National Security, the Internet, or the Nation's critical infrastructures.

US-CERT Operations Center Synopsis: US-CERT is aware of multiple vulnerabilities in Computer Associates Message Queuing (CAM / CAFT) software. US-CERT is not aware of any public exploits at this time. If exploited, these vulnerabilities could allow a remote attacker to:

- * Execute arbitrary code on a vulnerable machine with elevated privileges
- * Execute arbitrary commands with elevated privileges
- * Cause a Denial of Service (DoS) condition

Although there is limited information concerning these vulnerabilities, US-CERT encourages users to upgrade or install patches, as recommended by the Computer Associates Security Notice.

Current Port Attacks

Top 10 Target Ports	1026 (---), 445 (microsoft-ds), 1433 (ms-sql-s), 6881 (bittorrent), 135 (epmap), 139 (netbios-ssn), 4004 (pxc-roid), 80 (www), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 25 (smtp)
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Source: <http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html>; Internet Storm Center

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